AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A gas bag module comprising a gas generator (10), a gas bag (28) in flow connection with said gas generator, a module covering which covers said gas bag and has a separate central part (18) after opening of said module covering, and a holding device (12) for said central part, said holding device having guide means (14, 16, 20, 22) which on inflation of said gas bag (28) permit a displacement of said central part (18) and delimit a displacement of said central part (18), and wherein said holding device includes a plastically deformable spacer element (38) which is permanently deformed upon a movement of said central part (18) as a result of an activation of said gas generator (10).

Claim 2 (Original) The gas bag module according to claim 1, characterized in that under said central part (18) and over said holding device (12) a gas bag section (24) is secured.

Claim 3 (Original) The gas bag module according to claim 1, characterized in that said guide means are formed such that on inflation of said gas bag (28), said central part (18) is displaced in a substantially axial direction (A) in relation to said gas generator (10).

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Claim 4 (Cancelled)

Claim 5 (Original) The gas bag module according to claim 3, characterized in that said guide means have at least one pin element (20) connected with said central part (18).

Claims 6-8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) The gas bag module according to claim 8, characterized in that said ~~deformation means (36, 38)~~ spacer element (38) is deformed under mechanical action.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The gas bag module according to claim 8, characterized in that said ~~deformation means (36, 38)~~ spacer element (38) is deformed under thermal action.

Claims 11-12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Original) The gas bag module according to claim 1, characterized in that said central part (18) bears an emblem.